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Addendum to Linette Branham's testimony (Connecticut Education Association) before the Education Committee, Monday, March 5, 2012. Senate Bill #299 – An Act Concerning Minor Revisions to the Education Statutes.

Junior ROTC WORKING DRAFT

General Assembly

Regular Session 2012

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10 of Public Act 11-179 is repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2011*).

2 Sec. 2 Section 10-144o of the general statutes is repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective upon passage*):

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5 (1) "Equivalent" means qualifications reasonably comparable to those
6 specifically listed as required for certification;

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8 (2) "Initial educator certificate" means a license to teach issued on or after
9 July 1, 1989, to a person who has successfully met the preparation and
10 eligibility requirements specified by the State Board of Education for entrance
11 into a beginning educator program;

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13 (3) "Beginning educator program" means the support and standards
14 program established by the State Board of Education for holders of initial
15 educator certificates. The program shall be designed to improve the quality
16 of the first school years of teaching and to determine whether holders of
17 initial educator certificates have achieved the level of competency, as defined
18 by said board, to entitle them to provisional educator certificates;

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20 (4) "Provisional teaching certificate" or "provisional certificate" means a
21 license to teach during the provisional certification period, issued prior to
22 July 1, 1989, to a person who meets in full the preparation requirements of
23 the State Board of Education;

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25 (5) "Provisional educator certificate" means a license to teach, issued on or
26 after July 1, 1989, to a person who (A) has successfully completed a beginning
27 educator program, if there is such a program for such person's certification
28 endorsement area, and not less than one school year of successful teaching in
29 a public school, (B) has completed at least three years of successful teaching
30 in a public or nonpublic school approved by the State Board of Education or
31 appropriate governing body in another state within ten years prior to
32 application for such provisional educator certificate or (C) has successfully
33 taught with a provisional teaching certificate for the year immediately
34 preceding application for such provisional educator certificate as an

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employee of a local or regional board of education or facility approved for special education by the State Board of Education;

(6) "Standard teaching certificate" or "standard certificate" means a license to teach issued prior to July 1, 1989, to one who has successfully completed no less than three school years of satisfactory teaching experience and fulfilled other requirements while holding a provisional certificate or its equivalent;

(7) "Professional educator certificate" means a license to teach issued on or after July 1, 1989, initially to a person who has successfully completed not less than three school years of teaching in a public school or nonpublic school approved by the State Board of Education while holding a provisional educator or provisional teaching certificate and has successfully completed not fewer than thirty semester hours of credit beyond a bachelor's degree. Said certificate shall be continued every five years after issuance upon the successful completion of continuing education, in accordance with subsection (i) of section 10-145b, during each successive five-year period. The successful completion of continuing education units shall only be required for certified employees of local and regional boards of education;

(8) "Temporary ninety-day certificate" means a license to teach issued on or after July 1, 1988, to a person upon the request of a local or regional board of education pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-145b. Each such certificate may be reissued once upon the request of a local or regional board of education during the 1988-1989 school year and upon reissuance shall be effective until July 1, 1989. Any provision for the reissuance of such certificate after said school year shall be pursuant to regulations adopted by the State Board of Education;

(9) "Junior reserve officer training corps certificate" means a license to teach issued on or after the effective date of this act, to a person who possesses a junior reserve officer training corps teaching certificate or an advanced junior reserve officer training corps teaching certificate issued by a secretary of a military department within the United States Department of Defense.

(10) "Advanced junior reserve officer training corps certificate" means a license to teach issued on or after the effective date of this act, to a person who possesses an advanced junior reserve officer training corps teaching certificate issued by a secretary of a military department within the United States Department of Defense.

(9) (11) "One year" means one school year.

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80 **Sec. 3 (NEW) Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps teacher**
81 **certificate** (a) The State Board of Education, upon receipt of a proper
82 application, shall issue a junior reserve officer training corps teacher
83 certificate to any applicant who possesses a valid and current junior reserve
84 officer training corps teaching certificate or advanced junior reserve officer
85 training corps teaching certificate issued by a secretary of a military
86 department within the United States Department of Defense.

87 (b) Each such junior reserve officer training corps teacher certificate
88 shall be valid and renewable conterminously with the term and renewal of
89 the junior reserve officer training corps teaching certificate issued by a
90 secretary of a military department within the United States Department of
91 Defense.

92 (c) Each such junior reserve officer training corps teacher shall be
93 required to complete a course of study in special education comprised of not
94 fewer than thirty-six hours, which shall include an understanding of the
95 growth and development of exceptional children, including handicapped and
96 gifted and talented children and children who may require special education,
97 and methods for identifying, planning for and working effectively with special
98 needs children in a regular classroom. Notwithstanding the provisions of this
99 subsection to the contrary, each applicant for such certificates who has met all
100 requirements for certification except the completion of the course in special
101 education shall be entitled to a certificate for a period not to exceed one year.

102 **Sec. 4 (NEW) Advanced Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps**
103 **teacher certificate** (a) The State Board of Education, upon receipt of a proper
104 application, shall issue an advanced junior reserve officer training corps
105 teacher certificate to any applicant who possesses a valid and current
106 advanced junior reserve officer training corps teaching certificate issued by a
107 secretary of a military department within the United States Department of
108 Defense.

109 (b) Each such advanced junior reserve officer training corps teacher
110 certificate shall be valid and renewable conterminously with the term and
111 renewal of the advanced junior reserve officer training corps teaching
112 certificate issued by a secretary of a military department within the United
113 States Department of Defense.

114 (c) Each such advanced junior reserve officer training corps teacher
115 shall be required to complete a course of study in special education comprised
116 of not fewer than thirty-six hours, which shall include an understanding of the
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118 gifted and talented children and children who may require special education,
119 and methods for identifying, planning for and working effectively with special
120 needs children in a regular classroom. Notwithstanding the provisions of this
121 subsection to the contrary, each applicant for such certificates who has met all
122 requirements for certification except the completion of the course in special
123 education shall be entitled to a certificate for a period not to exceed one year.

124 Sec. 5 (NEW) Any applicant for a junior reserve officer training corps
125 teaching certificate under section 3 of this act or advanced junior reserve
126 officer training corps teaching certificate under section 4 of this act shall not
127 be charged a fee by the department for applying for, converting to, or
128 receiving a junior reserve officer training corps teaching certificate or
129 advanced junior reserve officer training corps teaching certificate. (*Effective*
130 *upon passage*).

131 Sec. 6 (NEW) Any teacher holding a junior reserve officer training corps
132 teaching certificate under section 3 of this act or advanced junior reserve
133 officer training corps teaching certificate under section 4 of this act shall be
134 considered certified to teach subject areas contained in the course of study
135 established in an agreement executed by a military branch of the United
136 States Department of Defense and a local or regional board of education.
137 (*Effective upon passage*).

138 Sec. 7 (NEW) Prior to July 1, 2012, any teacher holding a valid and
139 current junior reserve officer training corps teaching certificate or advanced
140 junior reserve officer training corps teaching certificate issued by a secretary
141 of a military department within the United States Department of Defense
142 shall be considered certified to teach subject areas contained in the course of
143 study established in an agreement executed by a military branch of the United
144 States Department of Defense and a local or regional board of education.
145 (*Effective July 1, 2011*).

146 Sec. 8 (NEW) Notwithstanding the provisions of Connecticut General
147 Statutes Section 10-145o, any teacher holding only a junior reserve officer
148 training corps or advanced junior reserve officer training corps teaching
149 certificate issued by a secretary of a military department within the United
150 States Department of Defense, shall not be required to participate or complete
151 the Teacher Education and Mentoring program.

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153 ***Statement of Purpose:***

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154 To restore teacher certification status to junior reserve officer training
155 corps teachers. To establish a Connecticut junior reserve officer
156 training corps teaching certificate based on the United States
157 Department of Defense Junior ROTC teaching certificate. To permit
158 ROTC teachers to convert their current teaching certificate to a new
159 ROTC certificate at no cost. To clarify that ROTC teachers are certified
160 to teach any and all ROTC curricula.

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